



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Turkey and Upland Game Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/20/2022	9:31 am	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center, Miladore, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	David Zielke at	9:31
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Jeff Winn, Oscar Mueller, Dave Larson, Dave Orf, Rick Koenig, Marcell Wieloch, David Zielke, Jason Leis, Roger Greenwood, Mark Korthbein, Otto Bowie, Arlyn Sllitt, Clarence Koch, DNR personnel attending; Taylor Finger - Game bird Ecologist, Christopher Pollentier - Research Science, Jake Donar – Conservation Warden, Alissa Kakatsch - Assistant turkey and Pheasant Ecologist, Ron Weber - Forester
EXCUSED	Mike Wade, Daniel Tyrolt, Dave Pennings, Colton Greenhill, Roxanne Broullire, Michael Kautz, Charles Gauger, Don Anderson, Nick Gall, Trevor Hubbs, Douglass Williams, John Cler, Brock Rosenkranz,
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Reed Kabelowsky

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Committee is lacking a quorum, set a date for a future meeting to vote on resolutions.
ACTION	David Zielke will select a date for a zoom meeting to act on the resolutions that lacked a quorum for committee action

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Mission statement read by David Zielke
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Reed Kabelowsky spoke on his resolution #360122 to split Zone 2 into A North and South zone
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR Presentations,

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Taylor Finger, Christopher Pollentier and Alissa Kakatsch gave a status report on upland game, Turkey, Pheasant, Upland game (rabbit & Squirrels), Grouse, Prairie Chicken and Sharp-tail Grouse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The 2022 Spring Turkey harvest totaled 37,266 birds. Hunters had a 17% Success rate. · The Fall bonus authorization permit numbers were dropped to reflect the actual use numbers. · Public comments posed were on the low cost for out of state licenses, Higher sightings of turkeys in the north, disapproval for the later start of the turkey season and concern for the declining turkey population. · Pheasant survey numbers of wild population is up slightly
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ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · DNR plans to stock 75,000 pheasants this year · There will be no regulation changes · Ruffed Grouse survey (4th and final Year) of West Nile testing. 147 samples indicated that even exposed birds showed no or few birds will die from the active effects of exposure to the virus. A good grouse year is expected · A new Prairie Chicken Management plan will be approved this year and it will guide the Prairie Chicken management. · Sharp-tail Grouse management plan expires in2022. Management is concerning habitat management. · Brood surveys of Turkeys, Pheasant, Rough and Grey Grouse will be held over a one month period with the aid of the public and the Snapshot Wisconsin program 	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

B. Law Enforcement [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Jake Donar – Conservation Warden, reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · non registration of turkeys is about 20% · Hunting accidents; 3 Pheasant 1 Goose and 1 Turkey 	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

C. Forestry [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Ron Weber – Forester, reported on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The devastation from the emerald Ash Borer since 2008 · Affected logs are marketable for two years · The beetles that cause the spread Oak Leaf Wilt are active from April 1st to July 15th. · November 1st. to March 14th. Is the safest time to prune Oak trees 	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

D. Resolutions [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100422 - Northern and Central WI pheasant stocking · Mortality is high for birds transported more than 1 1/2 hours. · Study on how to transport farther should be researched. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Local clubs can assist in furnishing and stocking. · Poynette game farm is operating at capacity · 70% of pheasant stamp money funds Poynette. <p>2. 360122 - Divide turkey hunting zone 2 into a north and south zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Author Reed Kabelowsky spoke and stated that this large and diverse zone would be better managed if it were split. Tyler Finger stated it would be more complicated to manage and the number of tags would remain the same. Additional statistical information should be gathered for our next meeting. <p>3. 380522 - Reduction of Turkey population to increase Ruffed Grouse numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · There is no statistical evidence to support this resolution · Grouse populations are cyclical <p>4. 380722 - Trapping and shipping Ruffed Grouse out of state</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · This is not happening · The 3 year agreement (100 Birds per Yr.) has ended <p>5. 670522 - Pheasant Hunting – Orange hat at minimum required all season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Questions on enforcement for pheasants only · Exceptions for turkey hunting would be required <p>6. 670622 – Reduced daily bag limit for Ruffed Grouse in zone A (Northern Zone).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Statistics do not support. · States with reduced bag limits have seen no effect on populations. · Nesting conditions (wet spring) has a greater effect <p>7. 670722 – Require the annual purchase of a Grouse Stamp authorization hunt grouse in Wisconsin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Requires legislation. <p>8. 670822 – Shorten the length of the Rough Grouse hunting season in zone A (Northern Zone).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Would not have an effect on populations. <p>9. 690522 – Land owner Preference for draw Tags</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Discussion as to how this would be administered, if hunting on landowner land would be required and the effect on the original preference system.
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

E. Turkey Access Program.

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion on abuse of this program was disclosed
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	Future committee meeting	
ACTION	Tentative for the 3rd. Saturday in August, 19th August 2023	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
David Zielke		

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Voting on line is responsible for the increased number of citizen resolutions.
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Meeting Adjourned; 2:11 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Clarence Koch, Acting Secretary
DATE	08/26/2022